## CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The strength of our nation, and all of its states and cities, flows from the promise of individual liberty, equality, and freedom of choice; and

WHEREAS, Equality of opportunity for all, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin is a fundamental goal of our nation and state; and

WHEREAS, April 2008 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, popularly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, Barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all; and

WHEREAS, The City of Spokane has prohibited discrimination in housing; and

WHEREAS, Fair housing is the policy of the City of Spokane and implementation of that policy requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of each one of our citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary B. Verner, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane do hereby proclaim the month of April 2008 as

## FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the City of Spokane and ask that citizens of our great community join with me in support of endorsing the practice of Fair Housing.

I, Mary B. Verner, Mayor of Spokane, do hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Spokane to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April in 2008.

Many B. Verner

Mary B. Verner Mayor

